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#### The Constitution of Peace.

Mr. Wilson, like Mr. Roosevelt, off with "The New Freedom," and now he gives us "The Constitution of Peace." The optimistic and reassuring tone of the President's deliverance appeals to every one whether in or out of business, and the whole country will hope that his

perity may prove to be accurate. The President puts great store by the associated with framing and projecting it. not neglecting acknowledgments to those isting law, archaic in many particulars. Now, says the President in effect, let us all go to work in dead earnest and revive things. We have a new tariff law constructed on lines to liberalize trade, and a new currency law designed to should do for business all that business requires.

This sentence appears in the President's

"We have slowly been coming to this time which has now, happily, arrived practically the original premises, but had it is desirable should be done.

As a matter of fact, are we not still in the good ones and tightening the rein on

stantly growing bigger. In fact, we

hear from the President. He has taken him, and will ponder i the general question of the rebusiness and confidence, too much should not be expected of the new currency law until the President's trust program has been submitted to and dealt with by Congress.

#### The Fourteenth Auto Killing.

The fourteenth motor killing since Jantomobile as she was crossing a street at was traveling eastward, traordinary good fortune. ent instance be adjudged guiltless of recorded as one of accidental death. Neverpursuing a proper course in crossing the life illustrate the urgent need The rules specify that street the places at which point of fact in almost all motor killings the so-called accident occurs at such a place, and it is obvious that as long as Company to see how the process can be responsible-save perhaps the dead perthis city during less than twelve months is appalling, and calls for speedy remedial

Alaska continues to look forward to the time when it will be established as one of the world's great centers for the coal and

Snowshoes might be appropriate gifts for suffragists who plan a January "hike" from New York to Albany.

festivities is commended as a great headache preventive.

New York. man have clashed. Well, of course. New the event of centuries ago, is a new de-York is a great state for politics, and velopment in the United States of late From the Springfield Republican. politics means fighting. When the mil- years. Indeed, it has only been done two lennialistic political tide begins to rise or three times before recently, but it is needle" will not go far wrong if they New York will be the last strip of terri- in truth merely a revival of an old custom.

Gov. Glynn has just taken office under but the commencement of a series of circumstances with which the public is public Christmas observances, growing in From the New York Mail. familiar. His party in the state is rent scope and consequently in significance in twain, and his task as the party's from season to season. this, and in inviting peace between the factions asks both to believe that he will not be a candidate next year to succeed himself. All he shall do will be

Mr. Whitman has just been re-elected is not merely a time of gift making. It with which to clutter up his desk. district attorney, with the support of is a day of rejoicing that a Savior was both republicans and democrats, as an born to mankind nearly 2,000 years ago. indorsement of his success in exposing By a general gathering of the people and punishing grafters, and as a mandate around some symbol such as a beautiful to carry his good work through to the tree, brightly illuminated, it is possible to for Christmas, whether they get anything and line of the line promised to do this, and direct thought to the channel of true oblin them or not.

is bestirring himself to that end. He disclaims any other purpose in his official

politics in Mr. Whitman's desire for en-

larged power, and, while declaring that it is beyond his official athority so to arm the district attorney frankly says that he would not do it if he could. The contest may prove a very pretty one. As a matter of fact, the two men may oppose each other next year for the office of governor. If Gov. Glynn reunites his party and puts it into vigorous form

again, his nomination for a full term in the governorship would be the wisest step his party could take, ignoring without hesitation what he has said on the

If Mr. Whitman continues his successed against the grafters, and cleans up the big town and helps clean up the state he will be a very attractive figure for state leader in the republican party, and may be its nominee for governor. He has much to recommend him aside from his excellent official record.

But if in this clash, or later, the public loses, and the unpunished grafters gain advantage, both Gov. Glynn and Mr. Whitman may suffer in their political fortunes. For, of course, in such circumstances, each would "blame it on' the other, and the public, making note particularly of the escape of the grafters.

might take it out of both. When prosecutors fall out grafters reloice, and sometimes get away. The New York situation is so promising for good work in the interest of better government, it will be most unfortunate if, felicitous as a phrasemaker. He started for any reason, the opportunity fails of complete improvement.

#### This Morning's Fire.

Washington is fortunate today in having escaped a disaster of magnitude in the fire which broke out in the early nours of the morning in a store building in one of the busiest blocks of the city, and which for a time threatened the destruction of the entire group of buildings science with a megaphone.' in that space. Especially is it a matter for congratulation that the fire department, which did such splendid work in fighting the flames and confining them to the initial premises, suffered no losses of life, although five of its members were severely injured, almost miraculously escaping from instant death. The heroism displayed by the fire fighters in their cue cannot be too highly praised. Had elasticize circulation, and, together, they these men not answered the call to duty with the promptness and the spirit displayed, the city must have suffered one of the greatest fire disasters in its his-

This blaze was fortunately kept within when there is a common recognition of it escaped and enveloped surrounding the things that it is undesirable should property, not all of the apparatus in the is one of highly concentrated values. This mon recognition"? If we had, would not fire again illustrates the urgent need of all our troubles-with trusts in particular the high-pressure service which was safeguard against conflagration in the the throes of the great question of what business district of the capital. The is desirable and what undesirable in the present fire department is efficient in an conduct of big business, judged from the exceptional degree and can cope with a viewpoint of public interests? Have we single blaze of magnitude. But when it not still before us the problem of sorting is engaged in fighting such a fire as that Of life's conditions dared complain, and dealing with the trusts, encouraging of this morning the city is virtually left exposed to the possibility of destruction n any other quarter. Had another fire Business, as we all know, is "enlight- which developed later in the morning not ened selfishness." On that basis we have been quickly subdued the total losses reached our present bulk and altitude as would have been tremendous, probably a producing and trading nation, doing big far exceeding the initial cost of a highhome, and things abroad con- pressure installation in the business section. It is impressive to note that during much that the question of the period of these two fires twenty-seven of of the thirty-six engine companies of the eastern section of the city it would have been necessary to call into service a chemical engine in Anacostia, which Con-

> whether Japan's substitution of sake for champagne at official dinners is due to economical principles or to a frank preference for what is technically known as hard licker.

The days are beginning to grow longer, but industrious legislators have become so accustomed to working by electric mary 1 occurred last evening, an old light that it may be some time before they appreciate the change

> Eminent opinions suggest that the country is distinctly prosperous and that the only need is a proper confi-

An Arkansas moving picture show ac cepts eggs in payment for admittance. liable to go to the stage than to the box

The report that John D. Rockefeller received a dozen fresh eggs as a Christmas

without finding himself involved in any serious discussions.

Any trust contemplating dissolution might do well to study the Standard Oil From the Philadelphia Ledger.

A large number of people will be con tent to let the Christmas cards supply be no safety for the people of the snowy landscapes regarded as sea-

> A little information to Chile concerning the Monroe doctrine may not be classed as useless giving.

#### The Civic Christmas.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon a light wi flash from the topmost branch of a great evergreen tree planted in the center of the Capitol plaza, and as the darkness falls other lights will appear, until the

Gov. Glynn and District Attorney Whit- birthday of Christ, in commemoration of

Individual observance of Christmas has carried to such an extent that some such general form of commemoration is necessary to bring back the true significance of the occasion to the people. Christmas Christmas bills, a lot of fussy things

servance. The exercises that are planned for this evening are reverent and impressive. A beautiful spectacle is promised, But Gov. Glynn suspects him. He sees and with every present indication of favorable weather, the first civic Christmas in Washington should be a pronounced success.

> Carelessness with Christmas illuminations may yet persuade our old friend Santa Claus to exchange his picturesque costume for a fireman's

Huerta evidently hopes to simplify currency conditions in Mexico by taking personal charge of all the cur-

Legislative activities will enable the coming new year to be a record-breaker in the line of new leaves.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. Appreciating a Holiday.

suppose you are going to have quiet, restful holiday?" "No." replied the man who tries to per mit himself no illusions. "What I appreciate about a holiday is the way it

time I ordinarily have working at the

makes me appreciate the quiet, restful

Climatic Joy.

Oh, Christmas is a season rare, When skies are all aglow. We'll all be plucking blossoms fair

Where once we shoveled snow. Voice Encouragment.

"Your investigation has not resulted i punishing anybody." "I hadn't any confident expectations that it would," replied Senator Sorghum. "Ordinarily an investigation is merely an effort to equip the small voice of con-

#### Shocked.

"I don't know what we are coming to," said Mrs. McGudley, polishing her glasses "I'm sure we'll have to come to some kind of literary censorship."

"What's the trouble now?" "My granddaughter tells me that the teacher has been giving her class a long talk about improper nouns."

#### Generous Consideration. "Are you going to see how many

dimes and nickels you can save in your new tin bank?" "I wouldn't be so selfish," said the small boy. "I'm going to let mother use it for bric-a-brac."

#### "It Can't Be Done."

We'd have no steam nor trolley cars,

And planned a wheel on which to roll Sneers rose from all the mighty crev That ever scoffs at what is new.

The world would sleep if things wer By men who say, "It can't be done!"

#### Christmas Giving.

economy, cent per cent and value repletes wage envelopes and bank accounts; the moment it dethrones suspicion, judgment and discrimination. People take other times. The fear that they may be deceived, that they may help the unworthy, that they may encourage idleness and fraud, and that they may crippl their own finances disappears to a large extent at Christmas. To run all these very serious risks and yet enjoy the zest of it; to do things that a month ago would have been deemed crazy; to scatter instead of to save; to trust and sympa-thize instead of to doubt and scorn—these are the changes that take place in mil lions of men and women for a few days

## Dangers of the Season.

Each season has its dangers. The skating tragedies have begun, the first among the victims being three lads in Ware who in disobedience of parents' orders ventured on thin ice while on their way to school. Children lack experience; the smooth; congealed surface is very alluring, and with the confidence born of im mateurity they yield to temptation. It is a very common and very proper practice to teach school children the perils of fire. In some cities lecturers are em ployed to attend the various schools t impress upon the children the dangers of the street and the highway. It is hardly less necessary at this time that they should be grounded in the importance of avoiding thin ice, especially over deep water. It may take line upon line and precept upon precept, but the result would justify the effort.

#### The New Bank Law.

The United States is about to embark upon an entirely new regime in banking will begin the fourth great epoch fr period of the old United States banks, th second the period of wildcat state bank and the third the period of our present na tional banks, which began fifty years ago Speaking broadly, the United States returns to the original system of a government-controlled bank after a lapse o three-quarters of a century. The new ystem will not, as did the old, have on central bank, but will have not fewer than eight nor more than twelve federal reserve banks.

#### Empty Sentiment.

There can be little doubt that the un derlying cause of the cheating of justice tree is fully illuminated. Groups of chil- and the consequent encouragement of dren will then dance and sing carols of crime, is the empty sentiment that actthe Christmas time. Instrumental music uates so many of the law-abiding to rush will be rendered of an appropriate char- to the aid of the criminal. Where there is a disposition to enforce the penalty there acter, and the multitude assembled will is usually an organized movement to preparticipate by their presence in a great vent it. In most cases the plan succeeds. civic celebration of the Christmas season. The leaden heel lags and the mailed hand softens. Sympathy is stronger than law.

> The Real Poison Needle. The cartoonists engaged on the "poisor

Tammany and Crow Poor old Tammany has nothing in its stocking this Christmas except the hole.

Calendars! Father probably will get, besides the

Useful Giving. Some persons are glad to have stockings



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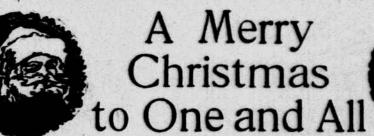
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